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Agriculture (Forest General) Department

NOTIFICATION

No. G.O. (P) 271/75/AD. *Dated, Trivandrum, 13th September 1975.*

S. R. O. No. 802|75.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 39 and 40 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) read with sub-section (3) of section 85 thereof the Government of Kerala hereby make the following further Amendments to the Timber Transit Rules, 1959, issued as per G.O. (P) 631 dated, the 10th June, 1959, and published in the Kerala Gazette No. 26 dated the 30th June, 1959, namely:—

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules, in rule 4,—

(i) In clause (iii) of sub-rule (a) after the words "the Divisional Forest Officer", the words "or Forest Range Officer or any other officer authorised in that behalf by the Chief Conservator of Forests" shall be inserted;

(ii) in sub-rule (d)

(a) for the words "for private timber", the words "for teak, rosewood, sandalwood and ebony grown on private lands" shall be substituted.

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(b) the "exception" below clause (i) shall be omitted.

(iii) after sub-rule (d), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"(e) In the case of private timber, other than teak, rosewood sandalwood and ebony, the following procedure shall be followed for granting free passes:—

1. Application for the issue of passes for removing timber other than teak, rosewood, sandalwood and ebony from private lands shall be made to the Village Officer having jurisdiction over the area from which such timber is proposed to be removed:

Provided that no pass shall be necessary for the removal of the following kinds of timber, that is to say, Jack, Cashewnut, Casuarina, Puvarasu, Mango, Tamarind, Nattupunna, Anjily, Vaha species, Puvan, Konna, Thanni, Illuppa, Kodumpuli, Uthi, Margosa, Rubber, Ficus Species, and Murukku.

2. Every application for a pass shall specify the survey No., the Sub Division No., if any, and, the approximate area of the land and shall be accompanied by a list showing the measurements of timber proposed to be removed.

3. On receipt of the application under clause (1) the Village Officer shall personally inspect the land and the timber and if he is satisfied that the particulars furnished in the application are correct, forward the records to the Forest Range Officer having jurisdiction over the area with a certificate in the following form, namely:—

> "Certified that the timber as per the accompanying list has been collected from the areas specified in the application".

4. The Forest Range Officer shall, on receipt of the records from the Village Officer, issue the Pass in Form No. 1. Every pass issued shall be valid till such date, not being a date beyond 3 months from the date of issue of the pass, as may be specified therein. The timber shall be stamped with a Government hammer by the Forest Range Officer or by any other Officer authorised in that behalf by the Range Officer and the Forest Range Officer or the Officer authorised, as the case may be, shall hand over the original of the pass to the applicant:

Provided that in the case of areas falling within the limits of a village in which Reserve Forests are situated or in Villages adjoining Reserve Forests, the Range Officer shall inspect the area and the timber and satisfy himself about the genuineness of the collection before the issuance of the pass.

Provided further that no stamp with Government hammer need be affixed on the timber of one metre and below in length and the Forest Range Officer shall hand over the original of the pass to the applicant for removal of such timber without such stamp.

5. The passes issued under this rule are intended only for transport of timber within the State and when the timber has to be exported, export passes shall be obtained from the concerned Divisional Forest Officer on the basis of the passes issued under these rules.

6. Every application for extension of the period of validity of a pass shall be treated as an application for a new pass and shall be dealt with accordingly".

By order of the Governor,

T. R. SUKUMARAN NAIR,

Additional Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the Notification but is intended to indicate its general purport).

It has come to the notice of the Government that difficulties are being experienced by the Public in obtaining free passes for transporting timber from private lands. The Government have therefore decided to authorise the Forest Range Officers to issue free passes for transport of timber other than Teak, Rosewood, Sandalwood and Ebony from Private land. The Notification is intended to achieve this purpose.

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